

REMARKS

In summary, claims 1-61 are pending. Information is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.105. Drawings are objected to. Claims 9, 18-21, 23-27, 36, 45-48, and 50-61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112. Claims 1-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101. Claims 1-5, 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17, 28-32, 34, 36, 37, 40, 41, 43, 44, and 55-60 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102. Claims 6, 8, 11, 12, 15, 18-23, 33, 35, 38, 39, 42, 45, 46-50, and 61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103. Claims 51-54 are allowable. Applicant traverses the rejections and objections. A complete set of substitute drawings is submitted herein. The specification is amended. Claims 1-50 and 55-61 are canceled. Claims 51 and 52 are amended. No new matter is added.

Requirement For Information

The following information is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.105.

- a. In the prior art document, "Business Process Execution Language for Web Services: by Andrews, T. et al, please specifically indicate which pages of the prior art are most pertinent to the Applicant's claims(s).
- b. In the prior art document, "XSL Transformation (XSLT) Version 1.0," please specifically indicate which pages of the prior art are most pertinent to the Applicant's claim(s).
- c. In the prior art document, "XML Path Language (Xpath) 2.0," please specifically indicate which pages of the prior art are most pertinent to the Applicant's claim(s).
- d. In the prior art document, "XLANG/S-Language Specification, Version 0.55," please specifically indicate which pages of the prior art are most pertinent to the Applicant's claim(s).

In response to the request for information, the above enumerated prior art documents were provided for their respective teachings of the technical art.

With respect to the request to specifically indicate which pages of “XSL Transformation (XSLT) Version 1.0,” are most pertinent to the Applicant’s claim(s), it is submitted that it is unknown which pages are most pertinent to the Applicant’s claim(s). The document as a whole is provided for its teaching of the technical art.

With respect to the request to specifically indicate which pages of “XSL Transformation (XSLT) Version 1.0,” are most pertinent to the Applicant’s claim(s), it is submitted that it is unknown which pages are most pertinent to the Applicant’s claim(s). The document as a whole is provided for its teaching of the technical art.

With respect to the request to specifically indicate which pages of “XML Path Language (XPath) 2.0,” are most pertinent to the Applicant’s claim(s), it is submitted that it is unknown which pages are most pertinent to the Applicant’s claim(s). The document as a whole is provided for its teaching of the technical art.

With respect to the request to specifically indicate which pages of “XLANG/S- Language Specification, Version 0.55” are most pertinent to the Applicant’s claim(s), it is submitted that it is unknown which pages are most pertinent to the Applicant’s claim(s). The document as a whole is provided for its teaching of the technical art.

Drawing Objections

Figures 1, 2A, 3B, and 9 are objected to. With respect to Figures 1 and 2A, a complete set of replacement drawings, alleviating objected to items, is submitted herein. With respect to Figure 3B, paragraph [0052] of Applicant’s specification, which refers to Figure 3B, is amended to alleviate objections. With respect to Figure 9, paragraph [0075] of Applicant’s specification, which refers to Figure 9, is amended to alleviate objections. Because a complete set of replacement drawings is submitted herein, and because Applicant’s specification is amended, it is requested that the objection to Figures 1, 2A, 3B, and 9 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 9, 18-21, 23-27, 36, 45-48, and 50-61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1-50 and 55-61 are canceled. Applicant submits that claims 51-54, as currently amended, are not indefinite for the reasons cited in the Office Action pertaining to claims 9, 18-21, 23-27, 36, 45-48, and 50-61. Accordingly, it is requested that the rejection of claims 51-54 under 35 U.S.C. §112 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 1-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101. Claims 1-27 are canceled.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-5, 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17, 28-32, 34, 36, 37, 40, 41, 43, 44, and 55-60 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,801,938, issued to Bookman *et al.* (hereinafter referred to as "Bookman *et al.*").

Claims 1-50 and 55-61 are canceled.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 6, 8, 11, 12, 15, 18-23, 33, 35, 38, 39, 42, 45, 46-50, and 61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103. Claims 1-50 and 55-61 are canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 51-54 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 51-54 are amended to incorporate allowable subject matter. Claim 51 is amended to include the limitations of original claim 28. Claim 52 is amended to include the

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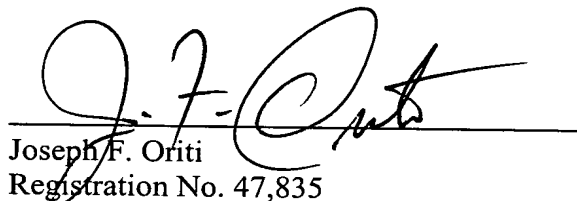
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limitations of original claim 28. Claims 53 and 54 each depend upon amended claim 51, and thus are allowable. Accordingly, it is therefore submitted that claims 51-54 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is requested that the forgoing arguments, remarks, and amendments be entered, and in view thereof, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of this application and an early Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested. In the event that the Examiner cannot allow this application for any reason, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney to discuss resolution of any remaining issues.

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